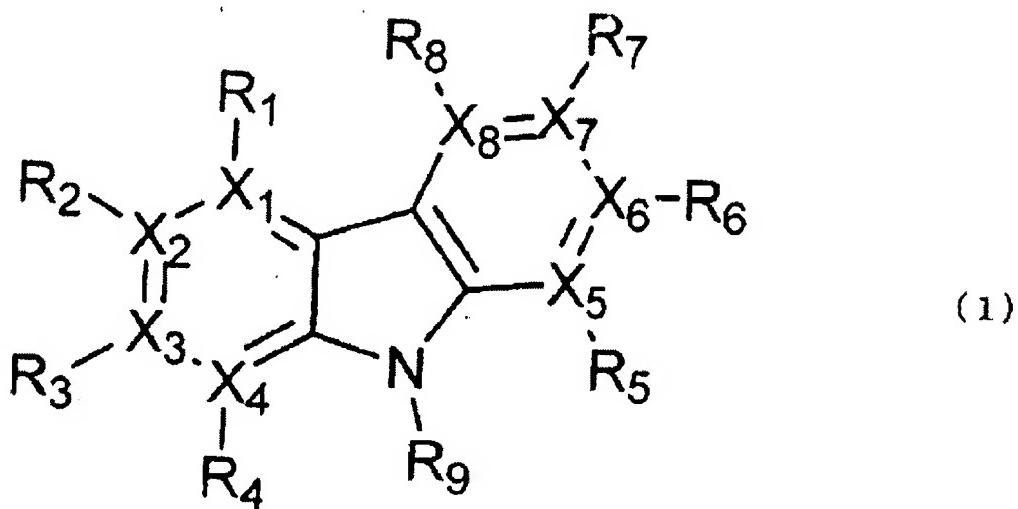


IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A material for organic electroluminescence devices which comprises a compound represented by following general formula (1):



wherein X₁ to X₈ each represent carbon atom or nitrogen atom, and at least one of X₁ to X₈ represents nitrogen atom; when any of X₁ to X₈ represent carbon atom, R₁ to R₈ connected to X₁ to X₈ representing carbon atom, respectively, each represent a substituent bonded to the carbon atom; adjacent substituents represented by R₁ to R₈ may form a ring; when any of X₁ to X₈ represent nitrogen atom, R₁ to R₈ connected to X₁ to X₈ representing nitrogen atom, respectively, each represent a noncovalent electron pair; and R₉ represents a substituent.

2. (Original) A material for organic electroluminescence devices according to Claim 1, wherein R₁ to R₉ each represent -L or -L-Y, wherein

L represents hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group having 2 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or

unsubstituted linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted amino group having 2 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted linear or branched alkoxy group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a halogen atom, nitro group, a substituted or unsubstituted arylene group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted divalent heterocyclic group having 2 to 40 carbon atoms, a linear or branched substituted or unsubstituted alkylene group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms or a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkylene group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms; and

Y represents hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group having 2 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted amino group having 2 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted linear or branched alkoxy group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a halogen atom or nitro group.

3. (Original) A material for organic electroluminescence devices according to Claim 1, wherein one to three among X₁ to X₈ each represent nitrogen atom, and the others each represent carbon atom.

4. (Original) A material for organic electroluminescence devices according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of X₃ and X₆ among X₁ to X₈ represents nitrogen atom, and the others each represent carbon atom.

5. (Original) A material for organic electroluminescence devices according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of R₁ to R₈ represents \square -carbolinyl group.

6. (Original) A material for organic electroluminescence devices according to Claim 2, wherein at least one of L and Y represents \square -carbolinyl group.

7. (Original) A material for organic electroluminescence devices according to Claim 1, wherein an energy gap of a triplet state is 2.5 to 3.3 eV.

8. (Original) A material for organic electroluminescence devices according to Claim 1, wherein an energy gap of a singlet state is 2.8 to 3.8 eV.

9. (Original) An organic electroluminescence device comprising a cathode, an anode and an organic thin film layer which is sandwiched between the cathode and the anode and comprises at least one layer, wherein at least one layer in the organic thin film layer contains a material for organic electroluminescence devices described in Claim 1.

10. (Original) An organic electroluminescence device comprising a cathode, an anode and an organic thin film layer which is sandwiched between the cathode and the anode and comprises at least one layer, wherein a light emitting layer contains a material for organic electroluminescence devices described in Claim 1.

11. (Original) An organic electroluminescence device comprising a cathode, an anode and an organic thin film layer which is sandwiched between the cathode and the anode and comprises at least one layer, wherein at least one of an electron transporting layer and an electron injecting layer

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contains a material for organic electroluminescence devices described in Claim 1.

12. (Original) An organic electroluminescence device comprising a cathode, an anode and an organic thin film layer which is sandwiched between the cathode and the anode and comprises at least one layer, wherein at least one of a hole transporting layer and a hole injecting layer contains a material for organic electroluminescence devices described in Claim 1.

13. (Previously Presented) An organic electroluminescence device according to Claim 9, wherein the material for organic electroluminescence devices is an organic host material.

14. (Previously Presented) An organic electroluminescence device according to Claim 9, which comprises an inorganic compound layer sandwiched between at least one of the electrodes and the organic thin film layer.

15. (Previously Presented) An organic electroluminescence device according to Claim 9, wherein the organic thin film layer contains a phosphorescent emissive compound.

16. (Previously Presented) An organic electroluminescence device according to Claim 9, which emits bluish light.